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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY BEEF RESTRAINT PROGRAM

REF: A. DUBLIN 1194

B. DUBLIN 1181

C. EC BRUSSELS 5572

D. EC BRUSSELS 5678

1. IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED IN REFTEL A CONTRADICTING THAT GIVEN US BY LOERKE, INCLUDING HIS COMMENTS REPORTED IN REFTEL D, WE HAVE AGAIN RAISED THE MATTER WITH THE EC COMMISSION. ON JULY 9, LARDINOIS' CHEF DE CABINET, WIJNMAALEN, RECONFIRMED THAT THE COMMISSION HAD INDEED DECIDED IN JUNE NOT TO OBJECT SHOULD THE IRISH GOVERNMENT SIGN THE BEEF VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENT WITH THE US AND HAD INFORMALLY REPORTED ITS POSITION TO THE JUNE 18 SESSION OF THE BEEF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. WIJNMAALEN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT FROM THE COMMISSION POINT OF VIEW THE SUBSEQUENT PROPOSAL FOR AN UNDERTAKING BY THE IRISH FRESH MEAT EXPORTERS SOCIETY LTD. (REFTEL B) IS DIS-

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TINCTLY PREFERABLE. ACCORDING TO WIJNMAALEN, THE CONTENT OF THE

LETTER IS SATISFACTORY FROM THE COMMISSION'S STANDPOINT AND AVOIDS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE US HOLDING THE EC ACCOUNTABLE FOR OBLIGATIONS WHICH COULD ARISE FROM A FORMAL UNDERTAKING BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT.

2. WIJNMAALEN ADDED THAT FRANKLIN, EC COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE, HAD HEARD FROM THE IRISH THAT THE US HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE PROPOSED LETTER AND HAD MET WITH THEM ON JULY 8 TO TRY TO HELP RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS. WIJNMAALEN SUGGESTED THAT WE FOLLOW UP WITH FRANKLIN WHO IS IN LONDON BUT SHOULD BE BACK IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 10.

3. COMMENT. WE ARE THUS FAR UNABLE TO RECONCILE COMPLETELY THE CONFLICTING REPORTS RECEIVED HERE AND IN DUBLIN BUT WILL PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER WITH THE COMMISSION PROMPTLY SHOULD THIS BE NECESSARY. WHETHER WE NEED TO PURSUE THE MATTER WILL PRESUMABLY DEPEND ON WASHINGTON'S JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER THE IRISH EXPORTERS SOCIETY LETTER IS SUFFICIENT OR NOT.
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